

# MINNEWASTA PAC NOVEMBER BULLETIN



## PAC Meetings

The Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm in the school Music Room. Everyone in the Minnewasta family is welcome to attend all PAC meetings, and we hope to see you when it works for you to come out! There is no obligation to do anything other than show up and enjoy some refreshments; however, we do hope everyone feels welcome to join in the conversation. Please note: we don't presently provide child care, but we are gauging interest as we move forward. **We hope you can make it out!**

### Upcoming 2018 Meetings:

Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



## Family Movie Night

The PAC is pleased to present another Family Movie Night!

Join us **Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the Minnewasta School Gymnasium for a FREE screening of the family movie, **Paddington!**

Popcorn and juice will be provided for all students and their siblings, and this year we will have a cash concession with extra treats for all ages! Doors will open at 6:30pm, and every child attending **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children are encouraged to bring a stuffy, blanket, and/or pillow to make for a comfortable evening. We hope to see you all there!



## Volunteer Coordinator

PAC is pleased to announce that Christina Suderman has agreed to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. She may be contacting parents to assist with different PAC events going on throughout the year, like Family Movie Night and Hot Lunches.

# School Hot Lunches: What are they all about?

Hot Lunch is a service organized by the Minnewasta PAC for the students and staff on a monthly basis. It is planned and executed by volunteers. Each hot lunch takes approximately 6-7 hours of behind the scenes work each month. There are various tasks involved such as making, photocopying and distributing the forms, meeting with the restaurant, compiling the orders, counting the money, submitting the orders to the restaurant, dividing up the food by classrooms, delivering the food, etc. The profits from the hot lunch are used to fund activities that occur in the school, such as renting the church for the Christmas concert, Staff Appreciation events, I love to read month, free hot lunch, grade 4 farewell and guest speakers.

This year we've added e-Transfer as a way for parents to submit payment for hot lunch. We are hoping that this will save parents from having to scramble around to find change or cash. Funds can be sent via email to [minnewastapac@gmail.com](mailto:minnewastapac@gmail.com), or by text to 204-823-1629 (password: hotlunch).

The PAC recently had a question asked to us about why we don't accept late orders for hot lunch? This is because the hot lunch orders are collected from the school and compiled by a volunteer on the day that they are due. This consists of entering the information from each classroom order on to a spreadsheet, counting the money and then submitting an order to both the restaurant and a grocery store based on the number of forms that were submitted. Adding late orders in after that process has happened is not possible as we base our orders on the exact number of forms received. For November, we are going to have the hot lunch forms out earlier to try and give parents more time to submit them.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or compliments about the Hot Lunch Program, please submit them to the Minnewasta PAC email ([minnewastapac@gmail.com](mailto:minnewastapac@gmail.com)) or approach a PAC member. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Hot Lunches will be held on the third Monday of each month, with exceptions of February and May long weekends, when they will be held the Tuesday following, and June for the family lunch.

**Upcoming Hot Lunches:** Monday November 19<sup>th</sup>; Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>; Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Minnewasta PAC Email Address

We now have an email address where parents can email us if they have comments, concerns, or compliments! Please contact us at [minnewastapac@gmail.com](mailto:minnewastapac@gmail.com) to reach the PAC executive directly.